

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 16 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and add new 17 to 26 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 16. (Canceled)

17. (New) An information processing method for a user device and a print management apparatus, which are capable of communicating with each other via a network, comprising:

a use condition transmitting step of transmitting use conditions from said user device to said print management apparatus;

a print shop information obtaining step of said user device obtaining print shop information of first candidate print shops from said print management apparatus in accordance with the use conditions;

a print setting obtaining step of obtaining a print setting from said user device;

a screen information forming step of forming screen information on the basis of the print shop information of the first candidate print shops and the obtained print setting so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the first candidates is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output a print order; and

a print order transmitting step of transmitting the print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, to said print management apparatus.

18. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein the screen information forming step forms the screen information so that a selectable print shop is displayed and a non-selectable print shop is not displayed.

19. (New) A method according to claim 17, further comprising a print order forming step of forming the print order to be transmitted to said print management apparatus on the basis of print target data formed by an application.

20. (New) A user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network, comprising:

use condition transmitting means for transmitting use conditions to the print management apparatus;

print shop information obtaining means for obtaining print shop information of first candidate print shops from said print management apparatus in accordance with said use conditions;

print setting obtaining means for obtaining a print setting to be included in a print order;

screen information forming means for forming screen information on the basis of the print shop information of the first candidate print shops and the obtained print setting so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the first candidates is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output a print order; and

print order transmitting means for transmitting the print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, to said print management apparatus.

21. (New) A user apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the screen information forming means forms the screen information so that a selectable print shop is displayed and a non-selectable print shop is not displayed.

22. (New) A user apparatus according to claim 20, further comprising a print order forming means for forming the print order to be transmitted to said print management apparatus on the basis of print target data formed by an application.

23. (New) A print management apparatus that communicates with a user apparatus via a network, comprising:

use condition receiving means for receiving use conditions from said user apparatus;

print shop information transmitting means for transmitting print shop information of first candidate print shops to said user apparatus in accordance with the received use conditions; and

a print order receiving means for receiving a print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, from said user apparatus,

wherein the designation of the selected print shop included with the print order is selected in the user apparatus from screen information formed on the basis of the print shop information of the first candidate print shops transmitted to the user apparatus and a print setting obtained by the user apparatus so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the first candidates is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output the print order.

24. (New) An information processing system for processing information between a user apparatus and a print management apparatus through communication via a network,

wherein said print management apparatus comprises:

use condition receiving means for receiving use conditions from said user apparatus; and

print shop information transmitting means for transmitting print shop information of first candidate print shops to said user apparatus in accordance with the received use conditions, and

wherein said user apparatus comprises:

print setting obtaining means for obtaining a print setting to be included in a print order;

screen information forming means for forming screen information on the basis of the print shop information of the first candidate print shops and the obtained print setting so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of said print shop information of the first candidate print shops is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output a print order; and

a print order transmitting means for transmitting the print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, to said print management apparatus.

25. (New) A computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer-executable program for causing a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network to execute a print control process, said print control process comprising:

a use condition transmitting step of transmitting use conditions to the print management apparatus;

a print shop information obtaining step of obtaining print shop information of first candidate print shops from said print management apparatus in accordance with said use conditions;

a print setting obtaining step of obtaining a print setting to be included in a print order;

a screen information forming step of forming screen information on the basis of the print shop information of the first candidate print shops and the obtained print setting so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the first candidates is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output a print order; and

a print order transmitting step of transmitting the print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, to said print management apparatus.

26. (New) A computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer-executable program for causing a print management apparatus that communicates with a user apparatus via a network to execute a print control process, said print control process comprising:

a use condition receiving step of receiving use conditions from said user apparatus;

a print shop information transmitting step of transmitting print shop information of first candidate print shops to said user apparatus in accordance with the received use conditions; and

a print order receiving step of receiving a print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, from said user apparatus,

wherein the designation of the selected print shop included with the print order is selected in the user apparatus from screen information formed on the basis of the print shop information of the first candidate print shops transmitted to the user apparatus and a print setting obtained by the user apparatus so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the first candidates is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output the print order.